

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 93-249-C - ORDER NO. 2001-762  
AUGUST 20, 2001

IN RE: Application of Hertz Technologies, Inc. for a	)	ORDER CANCELLING
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity	)	CERTIFICATE AND
to Resell Interexchange Telecommunications	)	WITHDRAWING
Services within the State of South Carolina.	)	TARIFF

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a request from Hertz Technologies, Inc. (HTI or the Company) seeking cancellation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina and for withdrawal of the Company's associated tariffs. The Commission granted HTI authority to operate as a non-facilities based reseller of competitive interLATA interexchange telecommunications services by Order No. 93-671 issued July 26, 1993.

By letter dated July 31, 2001, the president of HTI advised the Commission that the Company was no longer in need of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The request for cancellation provided that the Company had decided to discontinue its telecommunications services in the state of South Carolina due to the changing telecommunications business environment, and that the discontinuance of services would become effective September 30, 2001. HTI further stated that the Company had mailed a notice of discontinuance of service to its sixty-six affected customers in South Carolina, which gives the customers a sixty day notice that would

allow ample time in which to obtain another long distance service provider. The notice provided the customers with a toll free number for contacting the Company with any questions concerning the discontinuance of service. A copy of the notice was attached to HTI's request for cancellation. Since HTI is a "switchless" reseller and does not own the physical facilities used in providing service, no customer will be denied access to telephone service because of HTI's discontinuance. Additionally, the Company does not provide local services, lifeline services nor operator and directory assistance services; therefore, these services will continue to be available by underlying carriers. HTI further added that the Company has no outstanding obligations to any customers being that HTI does not provide prepaid services nor do they maintain any customer deposits. HTI also stated that pursuant to 47 C.F.R. section 63.71, the Company had applied to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for discontinuance of service, and HTI provided a copy of the application to the FCC with their cancellation request.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds and concludes that the request of HTI to cancel its Certificate and withdraw its tariff should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold non-facilities based interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina authorized by Order No. 93-671 is hereby cancelled, and the tariff filed by HTI is withdrawn.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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